



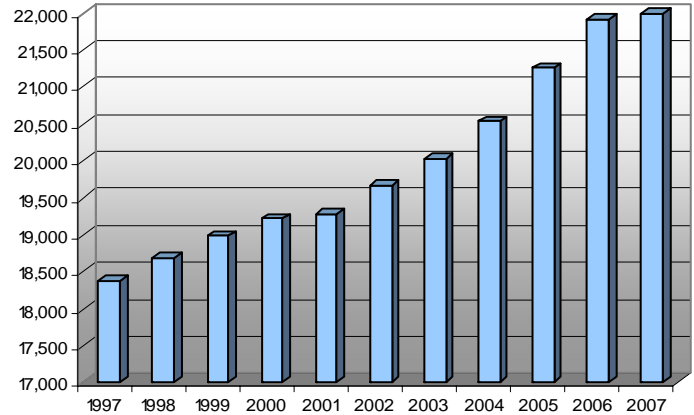
# Jefferson County

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## Population

Jefferson County has been growing by an average of 333 people a year since 1995. The population in 2005 was estimated at 21,580 following the largest one-year growth spurt of 753 in 2005. Because the county sits between Bonneville and Madison counties – both steadily growing, increases are expected to continue. Bonneville County is experiencing steady growth in all sectors while the change from two-year Ricks College to four-year Brigham Young University-Idaho in 2001 is contributing to tremendous growth in Madison County. Jefferson County is absorbing overflow from both and new subdivisions are going up along with new retail and service businesses.

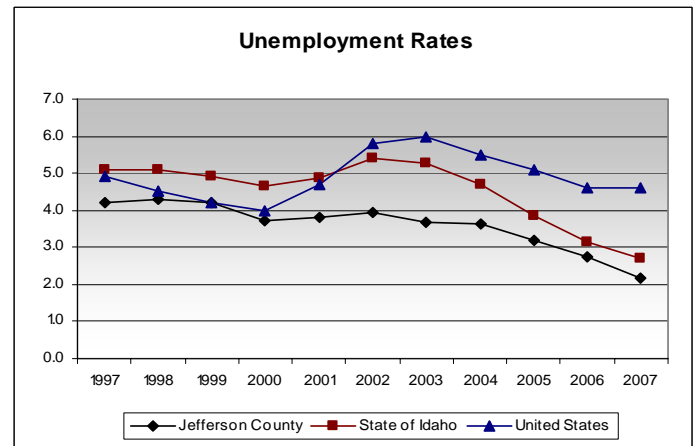
## Work Force Trends



## Labor Force & Employment

Jefferson County had a relatively steady unemployment rate throughout the decade, remaining below the state and national rates. Only in 1999 was it level with the national rate. The county offers a middle growth for commuters to Madison and Bonneville counties. The civilian labor force grew by almost 1,500, or 15.7 percent, during the decade while unemployment decreased by 123. The county plans to capitalize on tourist traffic using U.S. Highway 20 to reach Island Park and Yellowstone National Park. The Riot Zone, which features recreational activities for the whole family, is situated next to Rigby Lake, which offers picnic spaces, day use and swimming. U.S. Highway 26 also attracts tourists traveling to Targhee National Forest and the ski resort along with those traveling to Jackson Hole, Wyo., Kelly Canyon Resort and Ski Hill, and Heise Hot Springs and Golf Course.

As the pie chart shows on the next page, the county is fairly represented in most all industrial categories.



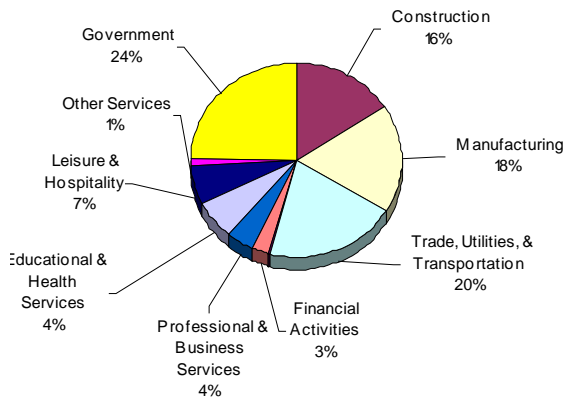
Government, trade, manufacturing and construction are the largest industries with government and trade representing nearly half of the jobs. The Department of Transportation, local officials and several school districts account for government jobs while two of the area's large potato fresh-pack plants employ many in wholesale trade. Most of the manufacturing jobs come from two large potato processing plants, Idaho Fresh-Pak and Idaho Pacific. The county also is highly involved in the agricultural sector and is known for its production of grain, corn and potatoes.

The county has a claim to fame – Rigby is known as the home of the inventor of television, Philo Farnsworth.

Labor Force	Sep 2007	Sep 2008
Civilian Labor Force	11,273	11,665
Total Employment	11,016	11,105
Unemployed	257	561
% of Labor Force Unemployed	2.3	4.8
State of Idaho % Unemployed	2.7	5.0
U.S. % Unemployed	4.7	6.1

Labor Force	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Civilian Labor Force	9,627	10,061	10,301	9,028	9,218	9,449	9,900	10,145	10,672	10,914	11,187
Unemployment	404	435	430	334	352	371	363	370	338	301	241
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.2	2.8	2.2
Employment	9,223	9,626	9,871	8,694	8,867	9,078	9,537	9,775	10,334	10,614	10,946

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2007



## Covered Employers

Covered employment includes employers who are subject to state and federal unemployment insurance laws. These laws apply to approximately 92 percent of Idaho's employers.

Jefferson County's number of covered employees increased by 27.4 percent during the decade, almost 1,200 employees. The average annual wage increased \$5,832 over the same time period. Construction and manufacturing experienced the largest growth — over 550 combined — while agriculture lost jobs. Developers are turning some farm land into housing and commercial developments. Wages in professional and business services increased the most over the decade, reflecting the sector's expansion throughout eastern Idaho.

## Major Employers

Blaine Larsen Farms, Inc.
Broulim's Foodtown
Idaho Fresh Pak, Inc.
Idaho Pacific Corporation
Idaho Transportation Department
Jefferson County
Jefferson, Ririe, and West Jefferson School Districts
Rigby Produce, Inc.

## Eastern ID Occupational Wages\*

## Average Wage

Agricultural Workers	\$8.47
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	\$11.30
Cashiers	\$7.00
Construction Trades Workers	\$7.79
Cooks & Food Preparation Workers	\$8.07
Customer Service Reps	\$9.86
Engineers (All)	\$35.42
Food & Beverage Serving Workers	\$6.59
Food Processing Workers	\$9.97
General Office Clerks	\$10.69
Graders & Sorters, Agricultural Products	\$7.01
Janitors & Cleaners (excluding Housekeepers)	\$9.26
Packers & Packagers, Hand	\$8.58
Retail Sales Workers	\$9.52

\* Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor Web site at [lmi.idaho.gov](http://lmi.idaho.gov).

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1997, 2006, & 2007	1997		2006		2007	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
<b>Total Covered Wages</b>	4,864	\$17,413	5,910	\$22,564	6,126	\$24,070
<b>Agriculture</b>	1,117	\$19,273	725	\$24,908	731	\$26,075
<b>Mining</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Construction</b>	444	\$16,439	781	\$22,767	862	\$24,778
<b>Manufacturing</b>	689	\$19,156	938	\$25,357	968	\$25,521
<b>Trade, Utilities, &amp; Transportation</b>	927	\$15,087	1,079	\$22,113	1,103	\$23,820
<b>Information</b>	*	*	8	\$15,169	3	\$17,271
<b>Financial Activities</b>	79	\$19,986	142	\$30,910	155	\$34,076
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	71	\$20,789	193	\$29,557	219	\$31,496
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	150	\$12,291	346	\$19,519	359	\$25,887
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	256	\$5,513	377	\$7,025	352	\$7,555
<b>Other Services</b>	40	\$15,782	47	\$22,339	56	\$20,715
<b>Government</b>	1,078	\$19,889	1,274	\$22,926	1,316	\$23,281

Per Capita Income	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Jefferson County</b>	\$16,271	\$17,201	\$17,818	\$18,754	\$19,764	\$20,146	\$19,670	\$21,157	\$21,234	\$22,063
<b>State of Idaho</b>	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,077	\$25,024	\$25,221	\$25,524	\$27,361	\$28,301	\$29,920
<b>United States</b>	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,843	\$30,574	\$30,821	\$31,504	\$33,123	\$34,757	\$36,714

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